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BRITISH HISTORY WRONG. A Misleading Account of the Battle of

White Plains. In its series of supplements recounting "The Battle Honors of the Services" The British Navy and Army Illustrated once in awhile says something about the British forces in the Revolutionary war. When it does, it is pretty sure to

The cover of one issue of the "Battle Honors' has a spirited picture of Bragg's grenadiers winning the battle of White Plains, where they won the name of the "Slashers," because they threw away their flintlocks and carried an intrenckment with their short swords. The picture is entitled "The Slashers at the Battle of White Plains, 1775.

The battle of White Plains was 1776. It is stated in the publication this turning movement General Washwith his army toward Connectiont."

As a matter of fact the position reunder General McDougal and was carried by a British force of 4,000. One would think from reading the British version of the fight that the "Slashers" whipped the entire American army. There were other British regiments engaged in the work of carrying Chatterton hill, and it is unfair to them to give all the credit to the "Slashers." .

Of what took place after the position was carried the version given by The Navy and Army Illustrated is deliberately misleading. The facts are that Dougal retired to Washington's camp with a loss of 80 prisoners and 100 killenforcements, and on Nov. 5 moved his engmented army to Debbs Ferry. Washington, being cenfronted by superior numbers, retired, not toward Connecticut, but across the Hudson to New Jersey on Nov. 9.

When a nation starts out to write ita military history and distorts it in some particulars, it makes one doubt the truth of all. The truth about the battle of White Plains would redound just as much to the glory of the "Slashers" as does the perverted account published by the navy and army. -New York Press.

SHADOWING A FOOTBALLER. The Scheme of a Team to Down a Suc-

Several years ago a young athlete reliable drop kicker and an excellent all round player. He had proved such a tower of strength on his college eleven that rival teams feared him, and when rumors to the effect that he had received money for his services were circulated steps were eagerly taken by the football authorities of an opposing college to investigate his amateur status. If he had received money, as alleged, he was no longer an amateur and could be debarred from a place on the team.

Accordingly an emissary was dispatched, with the usual oppressive college secrecy, to the village of Swhere the suspected player resided when at home. The father of D- was a well to do farmer, and the spy, passing as a book agent, experienced little difficulty in getting him to talk about his

"Famous?" he said, with no great show of enthusiasm. "Waal, I s'pose the boy is famous, but there isn't much in this football. But a fellow as famous as he is must

get a good salary," the spy suggested, with a craft.ly assumed air of innocence. "Nope," said the farmer. "Football players don't get a salary."

'That's odd,'' continued the "I heard he was kicking for cash." 'Waal, that's right. He is." the fa-

ther slowly admitted. The spy was secretly overjoyed. He chuckled inwardly and fairly hugged himself with delight. In fancy the rival team was already deprived of her strong

est player. 'So he's kicking for cash at college, is he?" he echoed. "Yes," the farmer said wearily,

every letter I get. "

And then the disgusted spy kicked himself, metaphorically speaking, all by somebody, who has studied the ail-the way back to college.—Harper's Ba. ment thus: The desire to 'get on.'

European Travel.

that before they have reached an age to father had before her,' said the man appreciate what they see Europe has lately who has been making a study of become a twice teld tale to them. So the 'get on' epidemic that is creating a true is this that a recipe for making marked characteristic. your children good Americans is to bring them up abroad. Once they get spirit of Americanitis is a good thing. back here, it is hard to entice them Then it is that we can respect it, and no away again. With each improvement one will find fault with it in this case, in the speed of our steamers vanished not even our English sisters, who, of all something of the glamour of Europe, and people, have most to say that is not the crowds that yearly rush across see complimentary or encouraging to the less and appreciate less in a lifetime hurry and push instincts of American than our parents did in their one tour women generally." abroad, - Exchange.

Life in a Nutshell. There are 3,064 languages in the world, and its inhabitants profess more than 1,000 religious.

The number of men is about equal to the number of women.

The average of life is about thirtythree years. To 1,000 persons, only one reaches

100 years of life; to every 100 six reach the age of sixty five, and not more than one in 600 lives to eighty years. There are on the earth 1,000,000,000

inhabitants. Of these, 33,033,033 die every year, 91,824 every day, 3,730 every hour, sixty every minute, or one every second.

The married are longer-lived than the single and, above all those who observe a sober and industrious conduct. Tall men live longer than short ones. Women have more chances of life in

latiford Werkly Beruld, their lavor, previous to fifty years, than men have, but fewer afterward.

The number of marriages is in the proportion of 75 to 1,000 individuals. Those born in the spring are generally of a more robust constitution than

others.

WOMAN AND MUSIC.

the Two Are Bound Together In All Up If a few years ago music had been de

clared to be as necessary in education as in mathematics or physics, the statement would have been received with amazement, if not with derision. The early aim of common school education was the making of practical men and women, and by "practical" was mean a preparation for the ordinary breadwinning affairs of life. Not that the moral sfile of education was ignored, but it was believed that the three R's and the hard and fast sciences, together with a general indorsement of religion and good ethics, were sufficient factors in character building and all that the schools should supply. Music, litera-ture and drawing, if they found any place in the curriculum, were merely incidents that were not sufficiently practical to be requisites, nor was their more subtle and potent influence on the character and the higher development of the mind appreciated or perceived. fought, as a matter of fact, on Oct. 28, Ornamental they might be, but they were not believed to be useful. Only a that Washington sent 8,000 men to oc- visionary sentimentality considered cupy a hill above the ford of the these arts as necessary to public educa-'Brunx," and that this position was tion. Today art, in a broad sense, occucarried by the "Slashers" with their pies a far higher place in the regard of swords. It is also said that "soon after every educator of note and of every man who is alive to the interests of ington, abandoning his stores, retired well balanced and symmetrical education. In fact, the art influence in education is coming to be adequately apferred to was held by 1,400 Americans preciated, and art is no longer considered an incident in life, but rather the reality itself.

We are not attempting to detract from the nobility of labor. That education which founds industries, which adds to the comfort of mankind, which makes possible the cultivation of the arts, we must recognize, uphold and adus we are not altogether commercial machines; that to love something for its innate beauty and not for its pecuniary worth is wise and good; that by loving when the hill was carried General Mc- | harmony of sound we may come to love harmony of deeds; that tones which speak to us of others' serrows, ed and wounded. The British lost 229 making us forget self, may be of more killed and wounded. Howe did not dare worth in the end than much positive to attack Washington, but sent for re- science-such education we are beginning to revere and to see in it the most practical method of developing sweeter women and nobler men. - Philadelphia Times.

CIVIL SERVICE FRAUD.

Republicans Indorsed It and Are Now Parceling Out Jobs.

By its pefusal to assist the adminis tration in freeing itself from embarrassments the Democratic minority has called conspicuous attention to the hy- into the fruit, scattering it in all diporrisy which was alone responsible for rections. The Italian came forward and the indorsement of civil service reform told the stranger to stop. The one eyed at the last Republican national conven- man explained that his glass eye had tion. The rank and file of the Republic- dropped down there and that he wanted an party, representing in part the peo- to get it. ple of the United States, has never been named D— was conspicuous as a football player. He was a swift runner, a pudiated it when it threw Cleveland man explained he was a stranger and man explained he was a strange overboard.

strong save in Mugwump localities, should bring it to his hotel, where \$100 sorbed. The life tenure of office is antagenistic would be paid to him. to the Democratic doctrine. It has no embarrassment and give the commercial support the Democrats are now asked to assist in so amending the law that the

hungry patriots may be fed. If the Republican party had the courits provisions to the letter, as far as the barg Commercial-Gazette. Democratic minority can force that to be done, and make it as odious to the party as its undemocratic ideas deserve

Our Progressive Women. An exchange coins a new word most

sas City Times.

aptly after this fashion. "Americanitis is a new trouble, or, rather, an old trouble, that is daily "yes, he's kickin for more cash most growing so much worse and so much more common that it is distinctly no-

" 'It is Americanitis that prompts the farmer's daughter to get a college education and make opportunities for ber-Children are taken abroad so young self better than those her mother and

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COST OF SABLES

How the Price Advances After the Sk Leaves Siberia.

Up in the great watershed dividing Siberia and Mongolia lives a peculiar race of people, half Chinese, half Tib-Few Europeans have ever seen them. In fact, with the exception of one or two enterprising explorers or geographical enthusiasts who have crossed ing arms is calculated at one-fourth of the Altai range, European eyes have never gazed upon the aboriginal Syots of northern Mongolia.

Sable hunting in the Siberian mountains and northern Mongolia is confined almost exclusively to the Syots and other native races, and it would surprise a good many fur dealers in England to know the prices which are paid by the Biberian traders to these poor aborigines for the skins they collect.

The Siberian trader, knowing his market, makes periodical journeys into Mongolia. It is safe to say he does not take a kopek of money with him, but he drags behind him a well stuffed caravan loaded with tea, tobacco, gunpowder and shot, strings of beads for the women and roughly made moccasins for the men. In due course he will come across Syot encampment.

The trader sits on his wagon and barters cheerfully. With the eye of a connoisseur and with fingers rendered deft by,long practice be sees and feels the smooth, warm skins of the little ani-

This small black one-well, a two ounce packet of tobacco is enough for that; that large black one—a handful of shot and an equal quantity of gun-powder; a packet of tea for a lovely skin with a long black stripe down the senter; this one, a fine skin, but a little bit hurt by the shot entering the back—well, say a string of beads for

In their original undressed state it is safe to say that the skins do not cost the Siberian trader much more than a few pence each on the average. As the poor sable travels farther westward, Tomsk one can buy a very good sable for something like 5 or 6 rubles, about 13s. In Omsk few are sold under 10 rubles-£1 1s. In Moscow 100 per cent goes on. In. St. Petersburg no one except the middle class or a functionary would wear a sable under £5. In Paris imitation sables of the present day have

HIS HIGH PRICED EYE.

a Clever Bunko Game Was Played on a Son of Sunny Italy. A well planned scheme was worked

on a down town Italian confectioner the other night whereby he lost \$50. About 2 p. m. a man who had one good eye and one glass eye came wandering Italian's fruit stand. He stooped over to look at some of the fruit, when unexpectedly his glass eye fell from its socket down among the bananas and

The pretending purchaser at once began a diligent search for the missing glass eye. With both hands he clawed

The Italian became enraged and told would not be here in the evening, but The civil service idea has never been if he (the Italian) found the eye he

An hour later another man came place in a republican form of govern- along, pretended to make a purchase, ment. A majority of delegates in the and while fingering around in the fruit Republican national convention appre- suddenly espied the wonderful glass eye. ciated this when the hypocritical plank The man from Italy made a grab for it, was inserted in their national platform. but was too late, as his would be cus-In order to free the administration from | tomer already had it. Both claimed the eye, and a quarrel ensued. The Italian boss of their party an opportunity to re-deem in part the pledges made when offices were promised for Republican get \$100 upon returning it and he would have \$50 clear.

He went to the hotel with the eye to get the \$100 that he was told awaited him there. He found that no such man age of its convictions, it would repeal had been there and no \$100 was left the entire law. The only way in which there for him. He then saw how he was its repeal can be secured is to carry out worked and notified the police.-Pitts-

Sheep Ticks. Every one who has sheep knows the to be. The Republican party in conven- tick, the worst pest of this animal, that tion assembled, declaring for civil serv- does serious harm to the young lambs ice reform and the Republican bosses, without suspicion of the cause to the from Hanna to Kereus and from Quay shepherd. This reddish brown creature to Leland, parceling out the jobs to is a wingless fly and a very greedy blood-those who assisted in corrupting delessucker. A dozen of them on a lamb will gates at St. Louis, is a spectacle which quickly suck the little one dry. It is to the Democratic minority is determined be looked after at the time of shearing, the public shall not soon forget.-Kan- when these insects go for shelter to the lambs. It is found mostly where the animal cannot reach it-on its head, buried in the skin, sucking the blood.

Its skin is tough, and it is not easily crushed with less than a blow of a ham mer. In small flocks it is not much of a job to go through, with a pair of small seissors to cut the ticks in two, but where the flock is over a score it ticeable. Americanitis has been defined will be necessary to dip the lambs .-Exchange.

> The Count's Mistales. "So Gwendolyn is not to marry the

count after all? "No, poor man. He tried to tell her that her singing was something that made one glad to live, and his pronunciation was so broken that she thought he said it made one glad to leave, and then she requested him to leave."-Indianapolis Journal.

Testing Him. Bagley-Do you recollect that \$5 1 et you have about a year ago? Brace-Perfeetly.

Bagley-That's good. I see your memory is all right. How's your eye-sight?—Harlem Life.

NEW FLYING MACHINES.

American Eagles as the Motive Power For One and Storks For the Others. Inventors of flying machines have broken out afresh. Two of them consider their inventions as suitable for war SOUTHERN ing facts and condition purposes and have sent descriptions to the ordnance department of the army, with the information that the government can get the right to use them if it will pay enough.

Both inventors propose to use birds for the motive power of their contrivances. One of them may have obtained a suggestion from that seasonable poem "The Visit of St. Nicholas," which contains the line, "More rapid than eagles his coursers they came," for his invention is based on an arrangement for guiding a pair of the birds of freedom from a self leveling chair, in which the operator sits. The eagles convey the operator over the camp of an enemy, and the chair is so well balanced, like the cars of the Ferris wheel, that he

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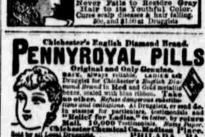
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